PREFERABLE MODES OF SOFTWARE PACKAGE DEPLOYMENT

ABSTRACT

A software distribution system comprises building blocks
including a preparation and test site, comprising a
software package editor, software package transformation
tools and an AutoPack module for preparing and testing
software packages to be distributed to endpoints. A
software package comprises a file including a complete
definition of the actions involved in a software
distribution and, once distributed, when a software
package is available to a target endpoint, an engine
resident on the target can be instructed via the
management agent to decode the software package from the
file into memory and then to perform various software
distribution operations including installing, removing
and modifying the software and configuration of the
endpoint.